#### Observation of ttH Production



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## Discovery of the Higgs Boson

- This discovery has been billed as one of the most important scientific discoveries of the last half-century
- A great advance in our understanding of the dynamics of the fundamental world
- Now nearly 6 years on, our work continues.
- Much remains to be known about this particle





#### Outline:

- Characterizing the observed Higgs boson
- Missing Piece: The top-Higgs coupling
- Status of the top-Higgs coupling pursuit at CMS
- Precision top-Higgs physics
- Summary and looking forward

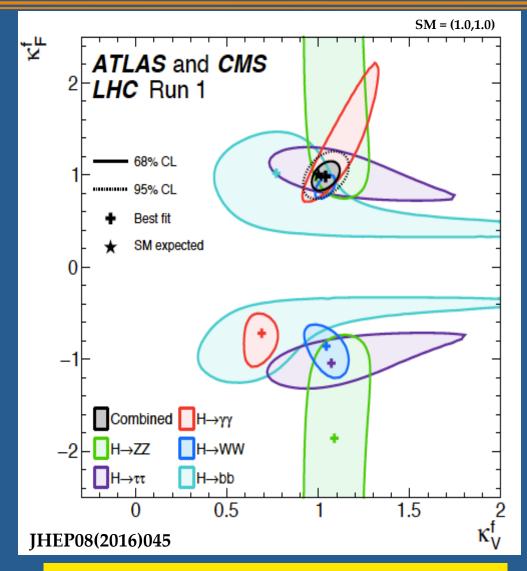
## **Higgs Characterization: Couplings**

- In the post-discovery era focus:
  - Is this the Higgs Boson of the Standard Model?
  - The coupling of this Higgs boson to the other fundamental particles is one distinguishing feature:
    - Unambiguously predicted in the SM
    - BSM physics (massive new particles or new dynamics) predicted to impact the observed coupling strengths

$$g_{HVV} = 2\frac{m_V^2}{v}$$
  $g_{Hff} = \frac{m_f}{v}$ 



BSM allowance:
$$g_{HVV} = \kappa_V \left( 2 \frac{m_V^2}{v} \right) \quad g_{Hff} = \kappa_f \left( \frac{m_f}{v} \right)$$

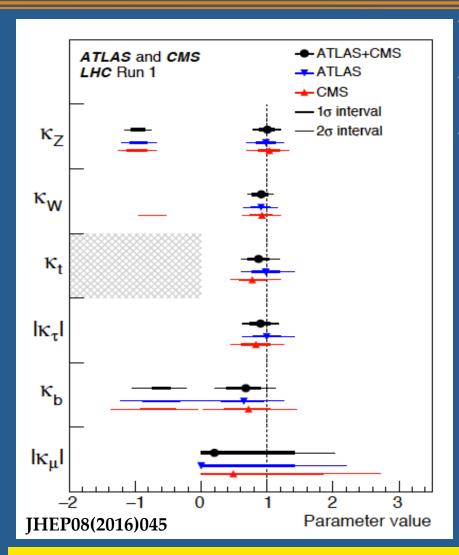


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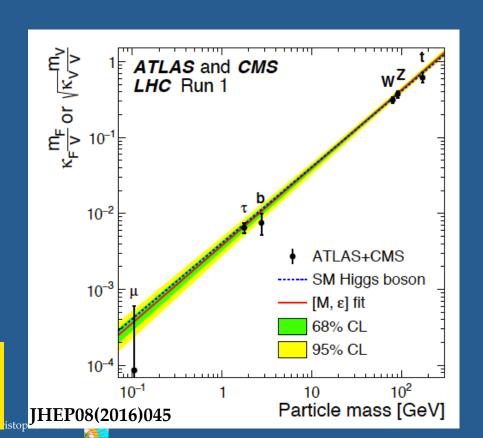


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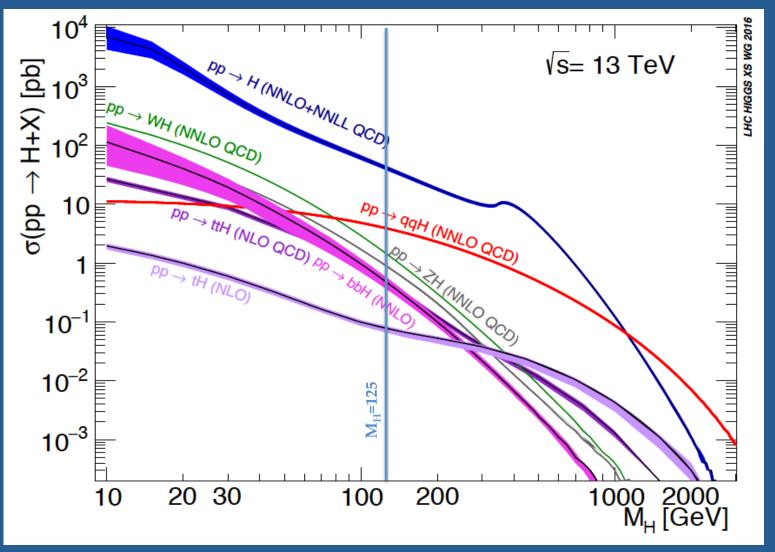
Particle-specific coupling modifiers look very SM-like assuming no influential BSM content

- Assume SM only particles participating in loop-mediated processes and BR(BSM)=0
- Examine prominent unique couplings that are accessible
- Top-Higgs coupling Y<sub>t</sub> is unique:
  - top quark has indirect influence on Higgs production and decay



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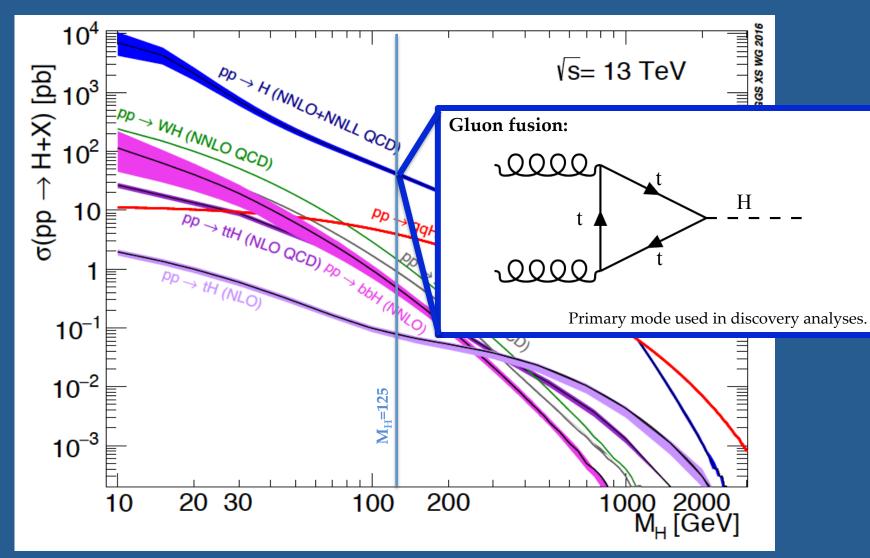
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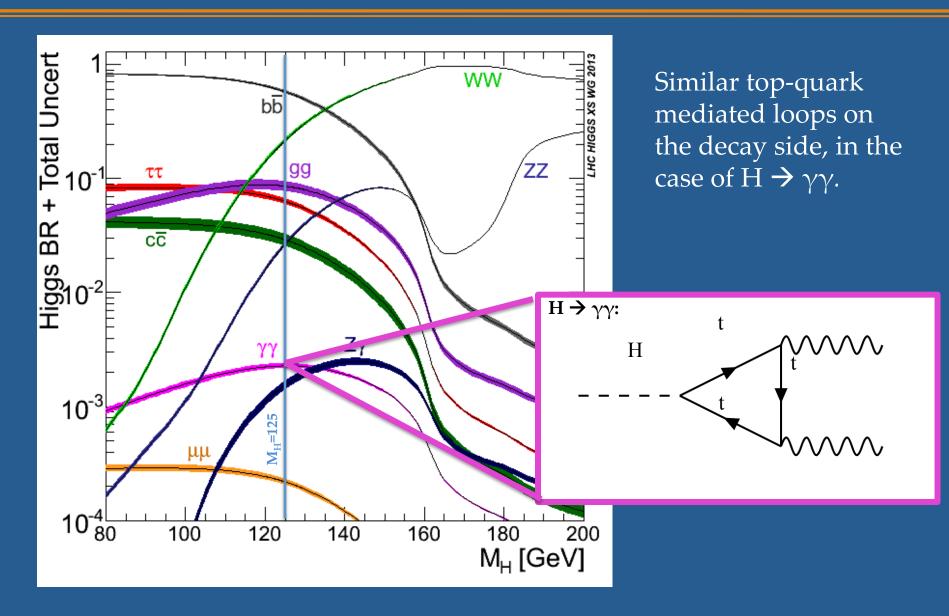
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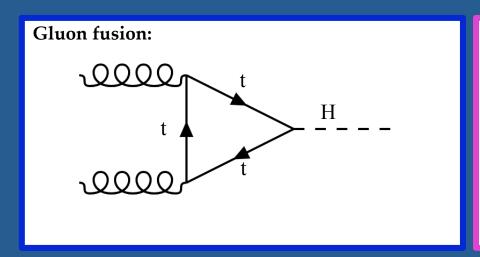


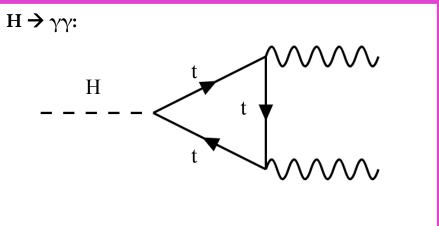


## Higgs Decay: Influence from Top



#### Circumstantial Evidence of Top-Higgs Coupling



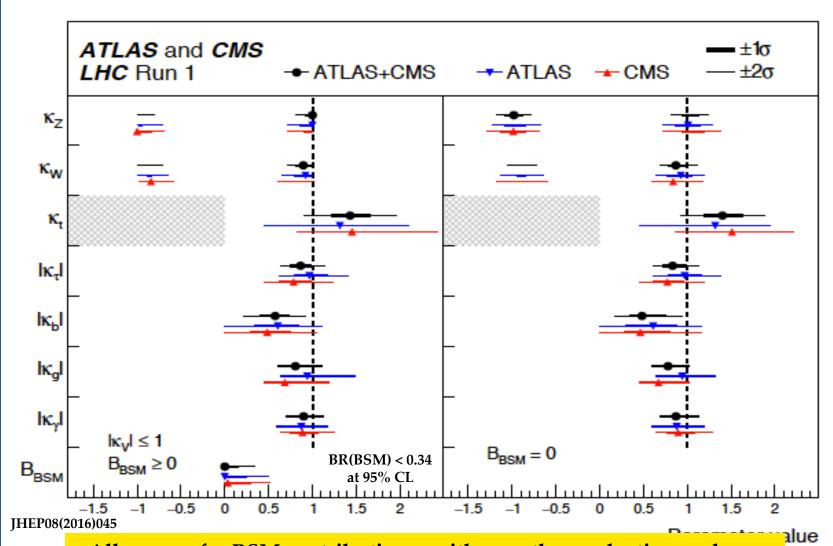


- Within the SM, these loops are dominated by top quarks:
  - In gluon fusion, need something massive that participates in the strong interaction → top quark drives this loop, followed by b's...
  - In H→γγ, need something massive that participates in the EM interaction
     → top quark drives this loop, followed by W's...
- Results presented so far assume there are no exotic contributions to the loops in these processes.
- But what about the possibility of another suitable particle or particles from outside the norms of the SM?



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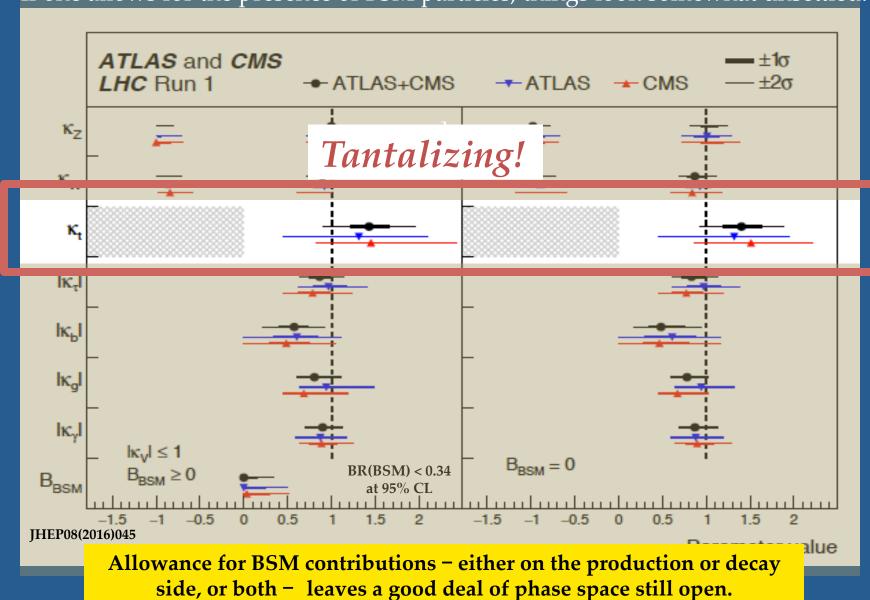
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Allowance for BSM contributions – either on the production or decay side, or both – leaves a good deal of phase space still open.

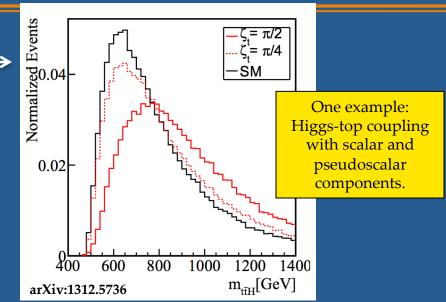
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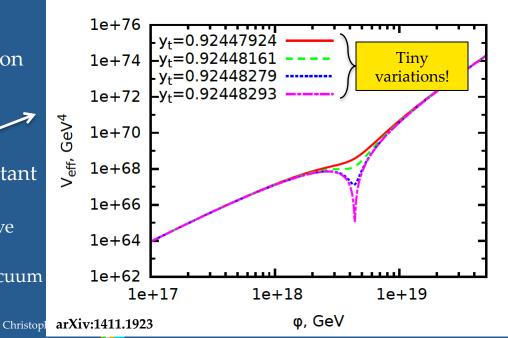
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- Relatively large  $m_{top}$  implies  $Y_t \sim 1$ :
  - Does this indicate some special role for top in EWSB?
- Y<sub>t</sub> is predicted to be by far the largest of all the fermionic couplings
  - Could be essential in identifying unique behavior in fermion sector
- Y<sub>t</sub> will be the easiest (only?) up-type fermion coupling we are able to probe
  - Could be window to unforeseen dynamics
- Extrapolating to Planck energies, Y<sub>t</sub> important in effective potential of the Higgs field
  - Largest coupling → small changes to Y<sub>t</sub> have large impact
  - Slight deviation in Y<sub>t</sub> away from SM → vacuum lifetime is less than the age of the Universe
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## Imperative:

Normalized Events

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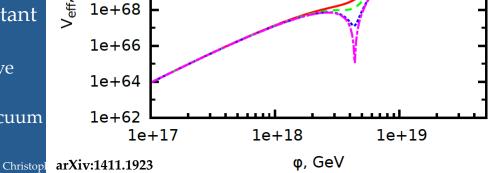
Absolutely need to measure Y, directly to know the true nature of the couplings of the observed Higgs boson.

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One example:

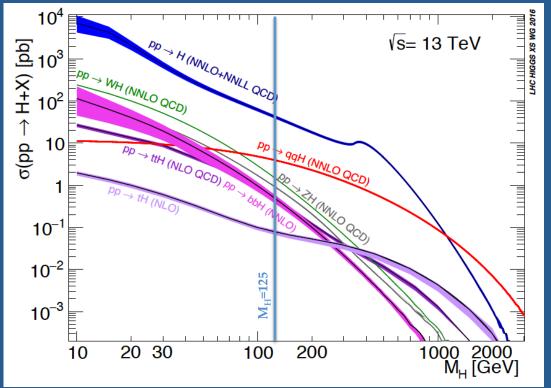
Higgs-top coupling with scalar and

pseudoscalar

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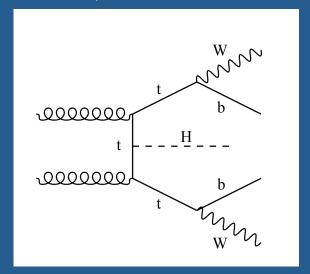
Tiny rariations!

#### A Direct Probe of Y<sub>t</sub>



root(s) [TeV]	7	8	13
σ (ttH (125)) [fb]	90	130	510
σ (tt+jets) [fb]	177000	253000	830000
Ratio	5.0E-4	5.1E-4	6.1E-4

- m<sub>top</sub> too large for H→tt must look for production-side dynamics
- Higgs production in association with a top-quark pair (ttH production):



- Comparatively small production cross section wrt other Higgs production channels
- Signal dwarfed by tt+jets bkgd
- Spectacular signature rich final state



# **Summary of CMS ttH Analyses**

	н→	bb	Η – τ <sub>had</sub> τ <sub>had</sub>	• ττ τ <sub>had</sub> + τ <sub>lep</sub>	H → WW,ZZ	Η → γγ				
7 TeV	CMS- HIG-12-035 (NN)	JHEP 1305 (2013) 145 (NN)				various				
	EPJC 75 (2015) 251 (ME)	(2.72.7)		CMS-HI	various					
8 TeV CMS-HIG-13-0 (BDT)			9	(SS-2lep, 3						
	JHEP 09(2014)087									
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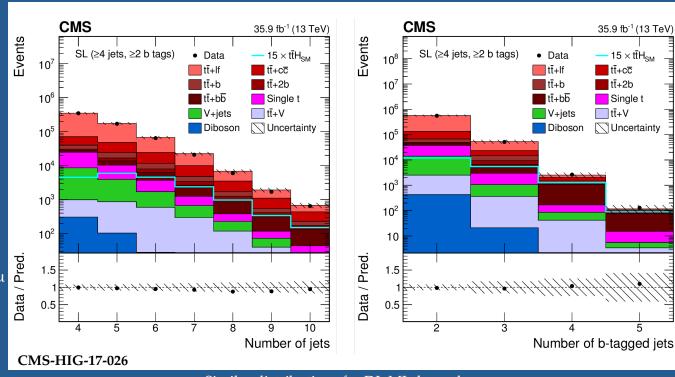
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	CMS-HIG-17-022 – submitted to JHEP (all-had)  CMS-HIG-17-026 – submitted to JHEP (SL,DL)		C	HIG-16-040– submitted to JHEP			

ttH, H → bb



#### Overview: H→bb

- H→bb is a prime target of ttH analyses:
  - Largest Higgs BR for  $M_{LI} = 125$
- CMS considers three topologies:
  - Single-lepton (SL):
    - one high  $p_T$  iso'd  $e/\mu$
    - ≥4 jets
    - ≥3 b tags
  - Dilepton (DL):
    - two opposite-sign e/µ
    - ≥4 jets
    - ≥3 b tags
  - Multijet (MJ):
    - ≥7 jets
    - ≥3 b tags
- Split selected events into categories based on jet, b-tag multiplicity



Similar distributions for DL,MJ channels

A discriminant is devised in each category for signal extraction and a simultaneous fit is performed across all categories.

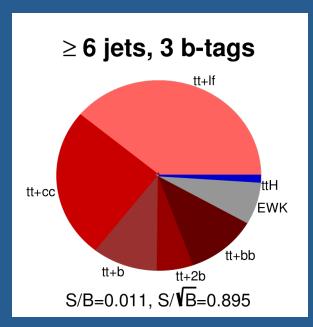
Low-signal categories serve to help constrain backgrounds.

Details of signal extraction in backup.



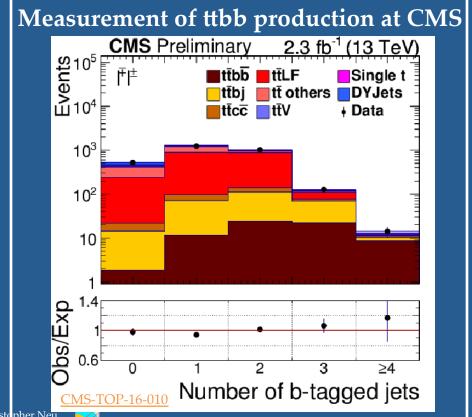


## Big Issue: Understanding the tt+HF Background



- Modeling of tt+jets process:
  - Powheg+Pythia8, normalized to NNLO prediction
  - Separate templates for tt + b, tt + bb, tt +
     2b, tt + cc, tt + LF
  - 50% rate uncertainty per tt + HF process, uncorrelated in final fit
    - Among the leading uncertainties
  - Add. sources include parton shower, hadronisation, PDF, ISR/FSR

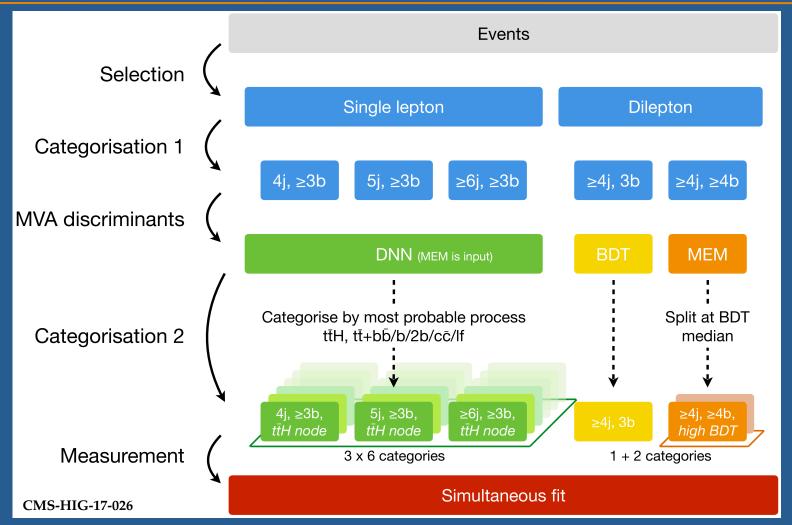
- tt+bb production poses irreducible background:
  - Poorly known theoretically
  - Measurements of ttbb CRUCIAL





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#### Signal Extraction: H→bb



- Challenging signal extraction due to overwhelming irreducible backgrounds require novel techniques
- Different multivariate techniques were considered for the signal extraction choice based on best expected sensitivity 

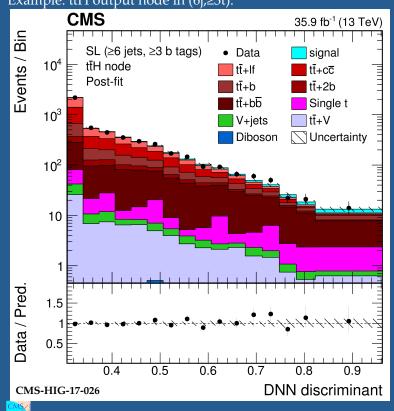
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#### **Example: Deep Neural Networks**

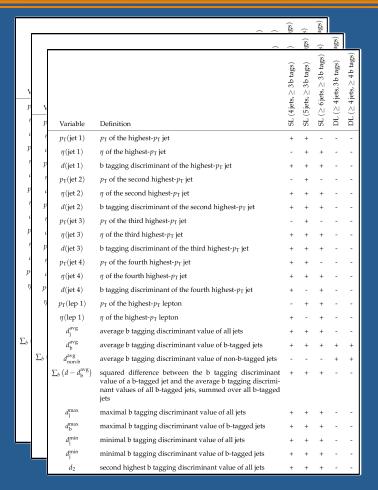
- Neural networks (NNs) have been used in HEP analyses for decades
- Historically, these have been "shallow" networks
  - One input layer with nodes for each of the input variables characterizing the processes
  - One hidden layer with some optimized number of nodes
  - One output layer with, typically, one output node (target output = 1.0 for signal, 0.0 for bkgd)
- Shallow was the way to go:
  - Computationally expensive to train multilayered networks
  - Very little evident gain
- Things have evolved:
  - Learning algorithms improve
  - Sequencing of NNs afford access to features
  - Cases where "deep" NNs are effective over their simpler counterparts

- 1. Separate selected events into three categories:  $(4j,\geq 3t)$ ,  $(5j,\geq 3t)$ ,  $(6j,\geq 3t)$
- 2. Design multi-class DNN in each category with 6 output nodes, one for each major bkgd process and one for signal
- 3. Training proceeds with goal of predicting type of process for each event

Example: ttH output node in (6j,≥3t):



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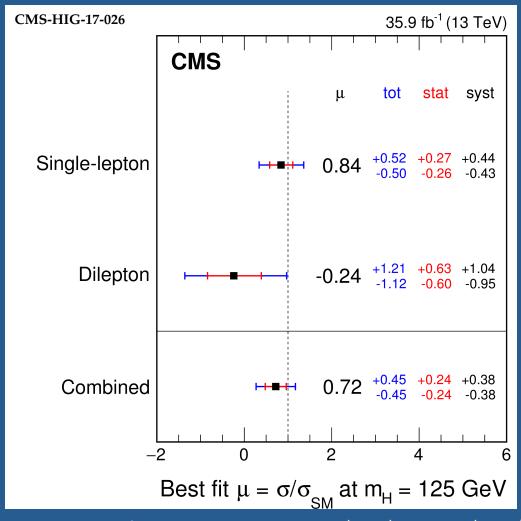
- Large parameter space (50+ variables) was considered for the choice of input variables in each category, in both the SL and DL analyses
- Significant campaign to really make an optimized choice

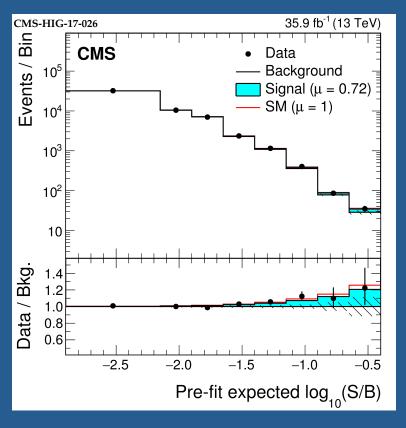
Channel	Method	Best-fit $\mu$ $\pm \text{tot} (\pm \text{stat } \pm \text{syst})$
Single-lepton	BDT+MEM	$1.0^{+0.69}_{-0.66} \left( ^{+0.31}_{-0.30} \right. ^{+0.62}_{-0.59} \right)$
Single-lepton	DNN	$1.0_{-0.55}^{+0.58} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.30 & +0.50 \\ -0.29 & -0.47 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
Dilepton	BDT+MEM	$1.0^{+1.22}_{-1.12} \left( ^{+0.65}_{-0.62}  ^{+1.04}_{-0.93} \right)$
Dilepton	DNN	$1.0_{-1.36}^{+1.38} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.71 & +1.18 \\ -0.69 & -1.18 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
Combined	BDT+MEM	$1.0_{-0.57}^{+0.60} \left( ^{+0.28}_{-0.27}  ^{+0.53}_{-0.51} \right)$
Combined	DNN	$1.0_{-0.51}^{+0.55} \left( ^{+0.27}_{-0.27}  ^{+0.47}_{-0.44} \right)$

- DNNs were optimal for SL, BDT+MEM in DL categories
- Final fit took these output discriminants in a simultaneous max likelihood fit



#### ttH,H→bb: Results from SL,DL





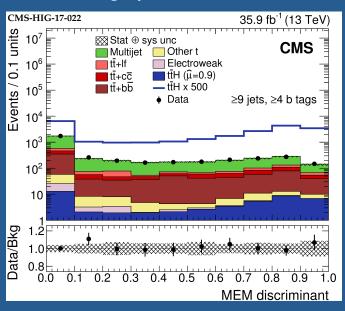
- Best fit:  $\mu = -0.72 \pm 0.24 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.38 \text{ (syst)}$
- Corresponds to an observed (expected) signal significance of 1.6 (2.2) standard deviations above the background-only hypothesis

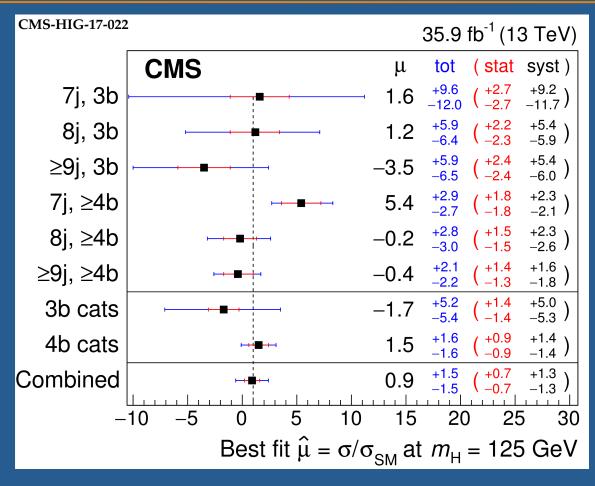


#### ttH,H→bb: Results from MJ

#### MJ channel:

- Low sensitivity but high statistics
- Overwhelming QCD background
- Dedicated Matrix Element
   Method discriminant in each
   category:





- Important to turn over every stone in the river
  - Value in having another orthogonal sample from which to approach the problem further insight on systematic uncertainties





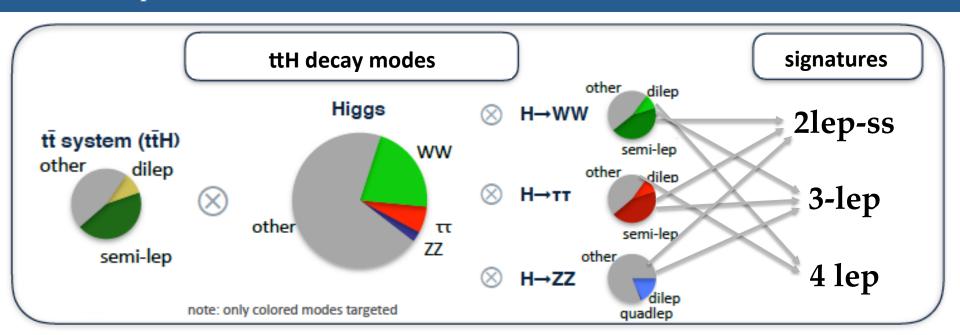
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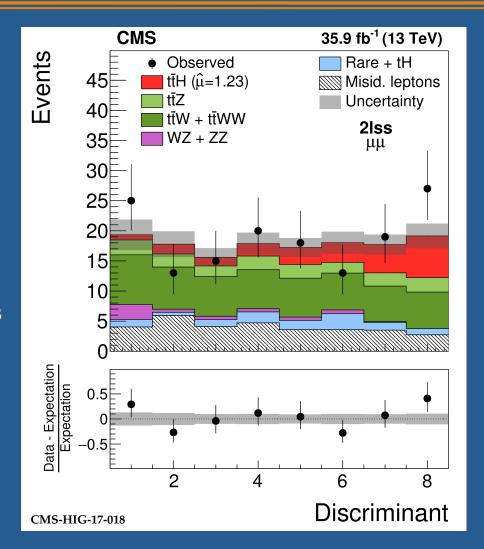
- ttH, H→leptons:
  - − Targeted Higgs decays and BR H→WW\* (~20%) , $\tau\tau$  (6%), ZZ (3%)
  - Leptons originate from Higgs and top system
- Targeted experimental signatures include multiple leptons
  - 2 same-sign leptons (2lss)
  - 3 leptons
  - 4 leptons

Event selection and signal extraction details in the backup

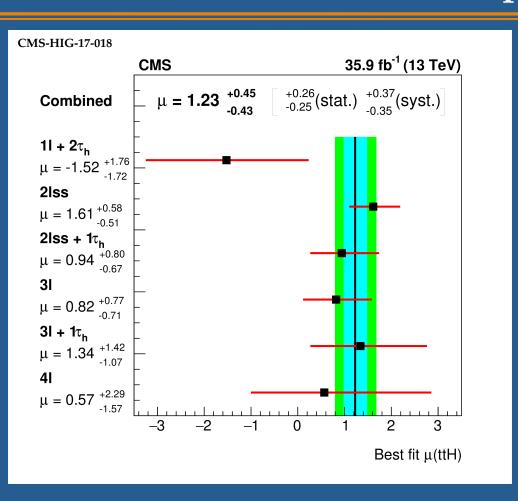


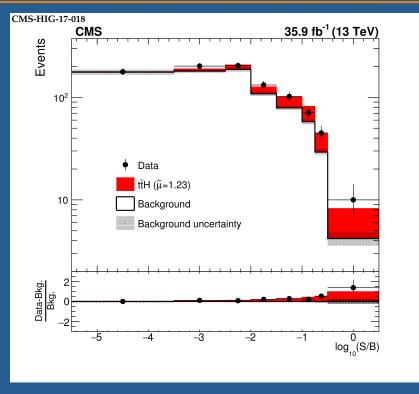
#### $ttH, H \rightarrow multileptons$

- Six search categories based on the number of  $e/\mu$  and hadronic  $\tau$ 's
  - one lepton and two  $\tau_h$  (1l +  $2\tau_h$ )
  - two leptons with same charge ("same-sign leptons") and zero  $\tau_h$  (2lss)
  - two same-sign leptons and one  $\tau_h$  (2lss +  $1\tau_h$ )
  - three leptons and zero  $\tau_h$  (31)
  - three leptons and one  $\tau_h$  (3l + 1 $\tau h$ )
  - four leptons (41)
- Discrimination from main backgrounds (ttW, ttZ, lepton fakes) via a mixture of BDT and matrix element method techniques
- Main systematic uncertainties: lepton efficiencies, lepton mis-id., normalization of irreducible backgrounds



#### $ttH, H \rightarrow multileptons: Results$





- Best fit:  $\mu = 1.23^{+0.26}_{-0.25} (stat)^{+0.37}_{-0.35} (syst)$
- **Significance of observation is 3.2** $\sigma$ , whereas the expectation, assuming SM-level of ttH production was 2.8 $\sigma$ .
- Evidence for ttH production from this analysis alone.





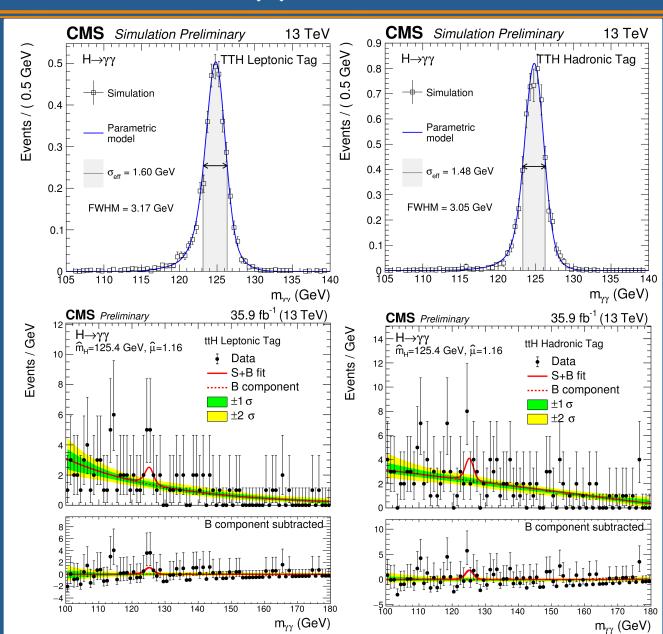
- Very rare process yet very pure signature
- Important:
  - Completely reconstructible final state
  - No combinatoric background
  - Hence, only ttH search channel in which one can reconstruct a clear mass peak!
- Event selection:
  - 2 photons (requirements on BDT $\gamma$ ID and EM deposits),  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - (sub)leading  $\gamma p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.5 (0.25)$
  - $-100 < m_{yy} < 180 \text{ GeV}$
  - Categorize events according to ttbar system decay:
    - Leptonic:
      - ≥1 p<sub>T</sub>>20 e or μ far from γ and M<sub>Z</sub>, ≥2 p<sub>T</sub>>25 jets, ≥1 b-tag
    - Hadronic:
      - special BDT event classifier
      - == 0 e or μ, ≥3 pT>25 jets, ≥1 b-tag

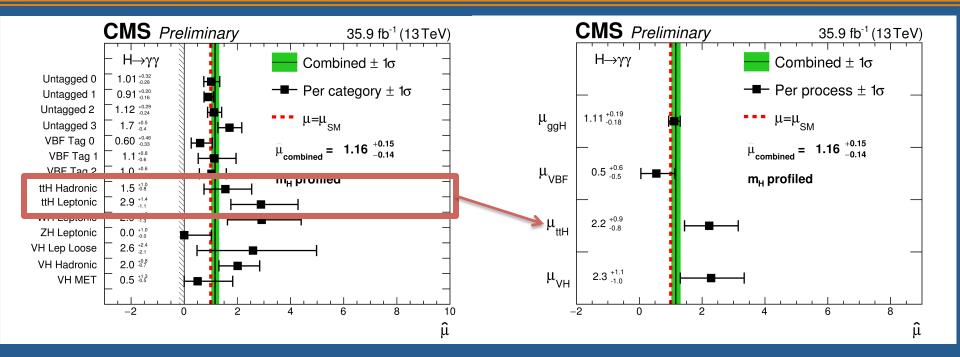
So considering a window of  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  = 125 ± 1.5 GeV, there will be ~4.5 background events in the ttH Leptonic category.

 $S/B \sim 0.85$ 

Event Categories	SM 125 GeV Higgs boson expected signal									Bkg		
Event Categories	Total	ggH	VBF	ttH	bbH	tHq	tHW	WH lep	ZH lep	WH had	ZH had	$(GeV^{-1})$
ttH Hadronic												2.40
ttH Leptonic	3.81	1.90 %	0.05 %	87.48 %	0.08 %	4.73 %	3.04 %	1.53 %	1.15 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	1.50

- Backgrounds so low allows for very simple signal extraction:
  - Determine signal shape in  $m_{yy}$ exploiting superior resolution of CMS crystal ECAL
  - Assume a falling exponential in m<sub>yy</sub> for the uncorrelated diphoton background
  - See what amount of signal is favored in the data for a specific M<sub>H</sub> hypothesis

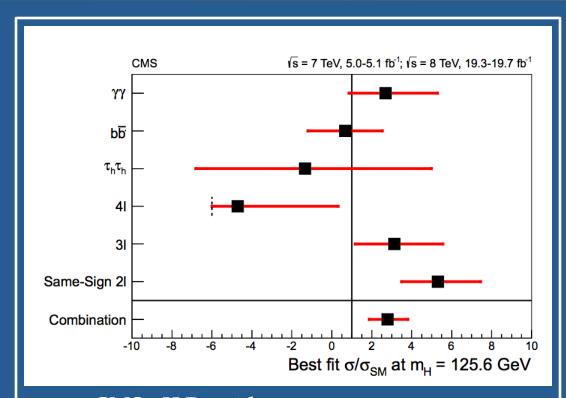




- Results from two ttH categories combined:
  - $-\mu_{ttH} = 2.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$ , assuming M<sub>H</sub> = 125.4 GeV
  - Uncertainty driven by statistics
- Largely an afterthought…but will be a workhorse
  - Many recent changes in analysis of full 2016 data sample targeted for improving ttH sensitivity
  - Good things come to those who wait...and build a solid analysis in the meantime

#### **Collection of Results**

- Analyses highlighted here so far focus on the results from the 2016 LHC run at 13 TeV
- However, as noted earlier, the ttH campaign at CMS has been going on for many years, in each channel
- Run 2 ttH analyses have exceeded expectations:
  - Benefit from enhanced signal rates going to 13 TeV
  - But, further, analysis techniques have been refined
  - Additional channels were included
- Hence a combination of all published results spanning 7,8,13 TeV eras made sense, given the importance of the signature
- Not a simple exercise:
  - Inclusive signal theory and some background theory uncertainties correlated
  - Experimental uncertainties largely uncorrelated



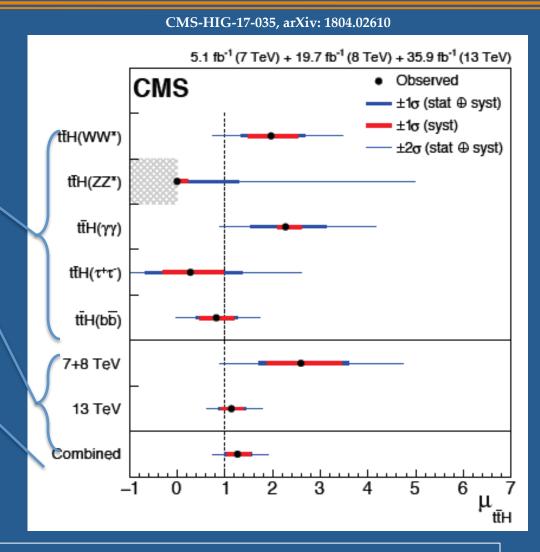
#### • CMS ttH Run 1 legacy:

- The best-fit value for the signal strength  $\mu$  is 2.8  $\pm$  1.0 at 68% confidence level.
- Excess above the background-only expectation of 3.4 standard deviations.
- Compared to the SM expectation including the contribution from ttH, the observed excess is equivalent to a 2-standard-deviation upward fluctuation.



#### **Combined Results**

- Measured ttH signal strength modifier for three different scenarios:
  - Five independent  $\mu_{ttH}$ , one for each decay mode, fit spanning all eras
  - Two independent μ<sub>ttH</sub>, one for each of Run 1 and Run 2
  - One  $\mu_{ttH}$ , fit incorporating all overall data
- Observations:
  - Results of all fit scenarios consistent with SM prediction  $\mu_{ttH}$  = 1.0
  - Combined fit is driven by 13 TeV analyses
  - ttH,H→bb smallest input uncertainty → drives combined result

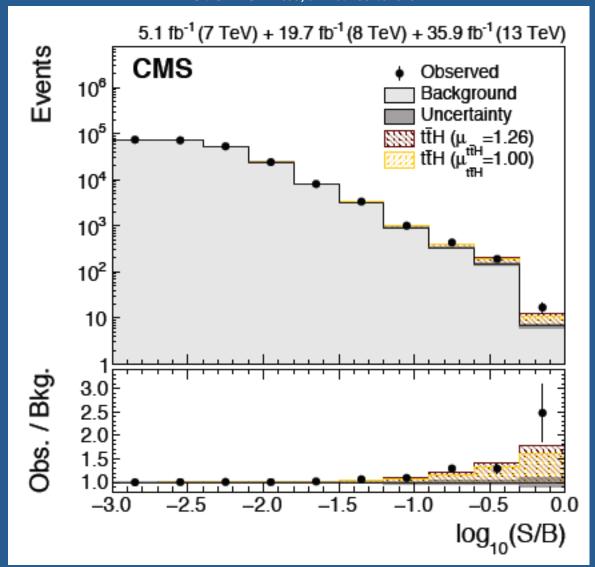






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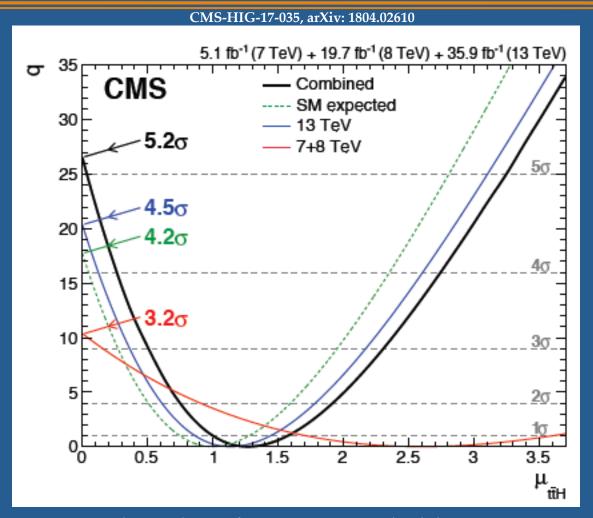
CMS-HIG-17-035, arXiv: 1804.02610



- Really want to see a "money plot"
- Tough business in ttH:
  - large backgrounds
  - Poor resolution in H→bb
  - Lots of MET in multileptons
  - Many disparate channels
- H→γγ will provide this someday provided enough stats
- Until then we have plots such as these S/B over the 88 categories in the fit
- Clear excess in mostsensitive bins



#### First Observation of ttH Production



Observed significance is 5.2 standard deviations with respect to the background only ( $\mu_{ttH} = 0$ ) hypothesis.

First observation of the ttH production process.



#### Summary

- Higgs physics has now moved from the search and discovery phase into a precision measurement era
- A few crucial characteristics of the Higgs boson remain to be measured the most foremost being the coupling between the top quark and the Higgs
- The ttH campaign at CMS has been proceeding since 2011, incorporating analyses at 7,8,13 TeV conducted in all primary Higgs decay channels
- CMS has performed a combination of all published ttH results and achieved the first observation of the ttH production process
- First direct measurement of the top-Higgs coupling is among the primary goals of the LHC physics program.
- The article CMS-HIG-17-035, arXiv: 1804.02610 has been accepted for publication in PRL -- just received notification this afternoon



## US Institutes Played a Major Role













#### What's Next

#### Near term:

- Establish ttH in all accessible decay channels
- We have some work to do to make this happen:
  - Improve understanding of tt+HF process and uncertainties
  - Improve theoretical understanding of ttV
  - Improve upon already-mature treatment of non-prompt leptons

#### Longer term

- SM-driven backgrounds to ttH, H $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ , ie tt $\gamma \gamma^*$  at NLO
- Refine background models
- Increase purity
- Differential cross sections

Things like EFTs / top partners / exotic 4<sup>th</sup> gen / 2HDM / etc look like SM top-Higgs...until you look closely, in the tails.

We will enter that regime in the future – best to lay the groundwork now.



# Backup



